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|   |   | Application No.             | Applicant(s)  |          |  |  |  |  |
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|   |   | 10/786,209                  | DEE ET AL.  |          |  |  |  |  |
|   | Office Action Summary   | Examiner                    | Art Unit  | <u> </u> |  |  |  |  |
|   |   | NEIL LEVY                   | 1615  |          |  |  |  |  |
| The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address<br>Period for Reply   |   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.  - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.  - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).  Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). |   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| Status  |   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| 1)⊠   | Responsive to communication(s) filed on   | 2005.                       |   |          |  |  |  |  |
|   |   | This action is non-final.   |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| 3)  | Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
|   | closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.                       |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| Dispositi   | on of Claims  |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| 4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-28</u> is/are pending in the application.   |   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
|   | 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.  |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| 5)  | Claim(s) is/are allowed.  |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
|   | Claim(s) <u>1-28</u> is/are rejected.   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
|   | 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.   |   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| Applicati   | on Papers   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  |   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| 10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.   |   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).   |   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  |   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| 11)[  | The oath or declaration is objected to by the   | e Examiner. Note the attach | ed Office Action or form P                          | TO-152.  |  |  |  |  |
| Priority u  | ınder 35 U.S.C. § 119   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  a) All b) Some * c) None of:  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  |   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
|   | 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No                              |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
|   | 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage           |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.   |   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| and and discount of a single for the certified copies not received.   |   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| Attachment  | (s)   |                             |   |          |  |  |  |  |
| 1) Notice   | e of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) Interview                | v Summary (PTO-413)                                 |          |  |  |  |  |
|   | e of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948<br>nation Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SE        | Paper N                     | o(s)/Mail Date<br>f Informal Patent Application (PT | O 453)   |  |  |  |  |
|   | Nation Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SE<br>No(s)/Mail Date   | 6) Other:                   |   | O-192)   |  |  |  |  |

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Receipt is acknowledged of terminal disclaimer amendment and RCE of 6/22/05.

Request for the RCE is improper, as a final action has not been issued. The amendment was treated as a response to the non-final office action, and to the notice of improper identifiers.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 12, 16-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The rejection of record is maintained - There is no sorbitol in the specification. Alcohols are listed as ethanol or propanol, and other solvents do not include sorbitol, nor any other sugar alcohol - Reading the specification would not lead one to sorbitol - The specification can not be amended, because this is a straight continuation, not a c.i.p.. This rejection is maintained unless applicant can point to sorbitol in the specification. Applicants' comment on dielectric constants is not appreciated as a basis for generating sorbitol in claims – this argument provides for any lipophilic polar solvent (claim 17) compound above 25 – we note that there is no support for this claim, either, as far as examiner can determine. Dielectric constants of 2-4 are ineffective, 41 are effective – one would not arrive at 25 minimum from this data. As to C7-see Morrison, '92-Fatty acids are even numbered 6-18 C hydrocarbons (p.1126, top) synthesized 2 C atoms at a time (p.1132, bottom-p.1134). There is no issue of

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guesswork or experimentation – one in the biochemical arts would not consider  $C_7$ ,  $C_9$ ,  $C_{11}$ ,  $C_{13}$ ,  $C_{15}$  and  $C_{17}$  as fatty acids.

Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kabara-EP0530861.

The rejection of record is maintained. Not a word is evident to this examiner, in the disclosure, referring to esters, by comparison or otherwise. Exclusion is thus by utilizing "consisting of" language.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neil Levy whose telephone number is 571-272-0619. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday- Friday 7:00 am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page can be reached on 571-272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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